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### **GOV. EASLEY ANNOUNCES MORE THAN \$2 MILLION IN AMERICORPS GRANTS AVAILABLE** *Nonprofit and community organizations should submit applications by March 23*

**RALEIGH** – Gov. Mike Easley today announced that more than \$2 million in AmeriCorps grants will be available for nonprofits and government agencies in North Carolina that work to address educational, public safety, homeland security, environmental and human service needs. The N.C. Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service, a federal- and state-funded agency in the Governor's Office, will coordinate grant distribution.

"AmeriCorps members are out in their communities every day, strengthening and enhancing organizations that work to improve the lives of North Carolinians," Easley said. "Many of these programs operate with limited resources and funding, and AmeriCorps members help them deliver valuable services and meet community needs. "

Grant applications are due to the commission by March 23, 2005. Each application will be judged on community support, program design, organizational capacity, budget, goals and objectives, and program evaluation methods.

Organizations interested in applying are required to first attend a training and technical assistance session. To register for one of these workshops, e-mail Tim Kelly at [Tim.Kelly@ncmail.net](mailto:Tim.Kelly@ncmail.net) at least three days prior to the session. The workshops are free and will be offered on the following dates (locations have not yet been determined):

Tuesday, Dec. 14, 2004 – Asheville  
Wednesday, Jan. 12, 2005 – Winston-Salem  
Wednesday, Feb. 23, 2005 – Greenville  
Wednesday, March 9, 2005 – Raleigh

Potential applicants who cannot attend one of these workshops can register for a conference call to be held March 3, 2005. Space is limited on the conference call and those who would like to participate are urged to e-mail Tim Kelly at [Tim.Kelly@ncmail.net](mailto:Tim.Kelly@ncmail.net) in advance.

AmeriCorps is a national service initiative, funded by the Corporation for National and Community Service and designed to increase volunteering and civic engagement in America. Members currently serve in 15 different programs in North Carolina. Since 1994, more than 2,000 individuals have participated in N.C. AmeriCorps programs. Members serve in full-time, half-time, minimum-time and education award-only positions, receive a living stipend and are eligible for education awards up to \$4,725.

Applications and complete eligibility information is available online at [www.volunteernc.org](http://www.volunteernc.org) or by calling (919) 715-3470 or toll-free at 1-800-820-4483.

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